

8 September 1982

Letters were also sent
to Senator Goldwater
and Representatives Price
and Boland.

Hon. John G. Tower, Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is to request your support for a legislative amendment I wish to propose in my capacity as Director of Central Intelligence. The amendment is needed to allow a senior flag or general officer to serve as either the Director or Deputy Director of the Intelligence Community Staff without otherwise occupying a senior officer billet authorized for the military services.

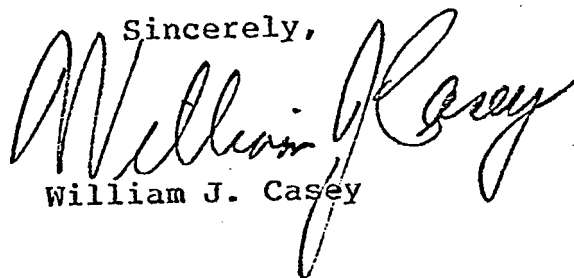
As you are well aware, the positions of Director and Deputy Director, Intelligence Community Staff involve close cooperation and coordination with Department of Defense elements. For this reason, it is often desirable to have a senior military officer occupy one of those positions. However, because the Intelligence Community Staff serves the DCI, I believe that it would not be appropriate to expect the military services to give up one of their senior officer billets for this purpose.

The effect of my proposal would be to treat the positions of Director and Deputy Director of the Intelligence Community Staff in the same fashion as the positions of Director and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence are treated under current law. The National Security Act of 1947, as amended, provides that, when a commissioned officer of the armed services occupies the position of Director or Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, the rank or grade of such officer shall be in addition to the numbers and percentages otherwise authorized for the armed service of which he is a member. Enactment of such authority would not necessitate any increase in funds for the military service concerned, since the appropriate military service would be reimbursed from Intelligence Community Staff appropriations for the pay and allowances of officers serving as Director or Deputy Director of the Intelligence Community Staff.

The Secretary of Defense concurs with my proposal. The matter has been discussed preliminarily with Mr. Anthony Principi of your staff. My staff has drafted proposed statutory language, which is enclosed for your consideration. If you wish, I would be happy to meet with you to discuss this at the earliest opportunity.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this letter from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William J. Casey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "William" and last name "Casey" clearly distinguishable. It is positioned above the printed name "William J. Casey".

William J. Casey

Enclosure

cc: Hon. Roger W. Jepsen, Chairman
Subcommittee on Manpower & Personnel

Hon. J. James Exon
Subcommittee on Manpower & Personnel

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL

AUTHORIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL GENERAL OR FLAG OFFICER TO SERVE AS
DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF

SEC. _____. Section 103 of the Defense Officer Personnel
Management Act of 1980, as amended (10 U.S.C. § 525), is amended
by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

(c) If a commissioned officer of the armed services is
appointed as Director or Deputy Director of the Intelligence
Community Staff, the rank or grade of any such commissioned
officer shall, during the period in which such commissioned
officer occupies the office of Director or Deputy Director,
be in addition to the numbers and percentages otherwise
authorized and appropriated for the armed service of which
he is a member.